

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously presented) A method of reducing the effective volume of a patient's stomach cavity comprising:

implanting a first magnetic device on an inner surface of the stomach cavity at a first location; and

implanting a second magnetic device on an inner surface of the stomach cavity at a second location, the first and second locations being selected to be across the stomach cavity from one another but to be movable toward one another across the stomach cavity to allow the first and second magnetic devices to contact one another as a result of magnetic attraction between the first and second magnetic devices.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 1 wherein the implanting steps are performed from inside the stomach cavity.

4. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 3 wherein the implanting steps are performed trans-orally.

5. (Previously presented) The method defined in claim 1 wherein at least one of the

implanting steps is reversible by removing at least one of the magnetic devices.

6. (Original) The method defined in claim 5 wherein the removing is performed from inside the stomach cavity.

7. (Original) The method defined in claim 6 wherein the removing is performed trans-orally.

8. (Previously presented) Apparatus for reducing the effective volume of a patient's stomach cavity comprising:

first and second magnetic implants at respective first and second stomach wall locations that are across the stomach cavity from one another but that are movable toward one another across the stomach cavity to allow the first and second magnetic implants to contact one another as a result of magnetic attraction between the first and second magnetic implants, resulting in an application of force to the stomach wall locations.

9. (Original) The apparatus defined in claim 8 wherein the force is directed toward the interior of the stomach cavity.

10. (Original) The apparatus defined in claim 8 wherein the force tends to produce deflection of at least one of the stomach wall locations.

11. (Original) The apparatus defined in claim 10 wherein the deflection is inwardly of the stomach cavity.

12. (Original) The apparatus defined in claim 8 wherein each of the magnetic implants is configured for implanting from inside the stomach cavity.

13. (Original) The apparatus defined in claim 12 wherein each of the magnetic implants is configured for implanting via catheter-like instrumentation inserted into the stomach cavity.

14. (Original) The apparatus defined in claim 13 wherein the catheter-like instrumentation is trans-oral.

15. (Original) The apparatus defined in claim 12 wherein at least one of the magnetic implants is configured for removal via catheter-like instrumentation inserted into the stomach cavity.

16. (Original) The apparatus defined in claim 15 wherein the catheter-like instrumentation is trans-oral.

17-24. (Cancelled)